

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 TEL AV 08210 291444Z
ACTION NODS-00

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /001 W
-----089281 291454Z /47
O 291401Z JUN 78
FM AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3897
INFO AMEMBASSY CAIRO IMMEDIATE
WHITE HOUSE IMMEDIATE

S E C R E T TEL AVIV 8210

EXDIS (DIST AS NODIS CHEROKEE)

E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV PBOR IS EG US
SUBJ: MEETING WITH BEGIN: COMMENTS ON PEACE PROCESS

REFS: (A) STATE 162963, (B) CAIRO 15941

1. DURING MY MEETING WITH BEGIN JUNE 28, MOST OF WHICH WAS DEVOTED TO DISCUSSION OF QUESTION OF VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S PROPOSED VISIT TO THE WESTERN WALL, WE ALSO DISCUSSED BRIEFLY VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE STATE OF DIPLOMATIC PLAY ON THE PEACE PROCESS.

2. I TOOK OCCASION TO REPEAT FOR BEGIN DIRECTLY THE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PROPOSED LONDON FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING WHICH I HAD ALREADY RELAYED TO DAYAN, SUMMARIZING FOR BEGIN PARAS THREE, FOUR, FIVE AND SIX OF REF A. ALSO UNDERScoreD THE NEGATIVE IMPACT TO THE ISRAELI CABINET'S PRECIPITATE REJECTION OF THE IDEAS ATTRIBUTED TO PRESIDENT SADAT BY CAIRO RADIO, AND STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE, WHICH BEGIN HAD FREQUENTLY ACCENTED, OF ENCOURAGING THE EGYPTIANS TO COME FORWARD WITH A CONCRETE COUNTERPROPOSAL RATHER THAN PREMATURELY SLAMMING THE DOOR ON IT. BEGIN WAS NOT PARTICULARLY DEFENSIVE, BUT

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 TEL AV 08210 291444Z

DID SEEM TO ME TO HAVE HAD SOME SLIGHT SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT THE CABINET DECISION LAST SUNDAY. HE ARGUED THAT THIS WAS THE THIRD TIME IN PUBLIC RECENTLY THAT SADAT HAD IN EFFECT REPEATED THE DEMAND FOR TOTAL WITHDRAWAL TO THE 67 BOUNDARIES BEFORE NEGOTIATIONS BEGAN, AND THEREFORE THE CABINET HAD THOUGHT IT NECESSARY TO RESPOND THIS TIME BEFORE THESE IDEAS GAINED FURTHER ACCEPTANCE.

HE STRESSED HOWEVER THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO REJECTION OF A PEACE PROPOSAL PER SE, SINCE NONE HAD BEEN RECEIVED, AND THAT IT WOULD BE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED WHEN IT WAS TRANSMITTED TO THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT. HE UNDERSTANDS FROM THE CONVERSATION THAT WE EXPECT TO HAVE A FORMAL EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL TO DELIVER IN APPROXIMATELY A WEEK.

3. BEGIN ALSO REFERRED TO THE INQUIRY FROM WASHINGTON ABOUT THE LATEST WEIZMAN-GAMASY EXCHANGE. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT WEIZMAN HAD INDEED DISPATCHED A MESSAGE WITH CABINET APPROVAL TO GAMASY AGREEING TO THE SUGGESTION (WHICH HE INSISTED HAD COME FROM GAMASY) THAT THE TWO DEFENSE MINISTERS MEET AT SOME PLACE OUTSIDE THE MIDDLE EAST. HE DID NOT SHOW MUCH CONVICTION ONE WAY OR ANOTHER AS TO WHETHER SUCH A MEETING WOULD INDEED EVENTUALLY TAKE PLACE. IT WAS CLEAR FROM HIS COMMENTS, HOWEVER, THAT HE NOW REGARDS THE BALL AS BEING BACK IN THE EGYPTIAN COURT ON THIS SUBJECT.

4. INCIDENTALLY, BEGIN'S GENERAL STATE OF HEALTH AND ALERTNESS SEEMED SUBSTANTIALLY NORMAL ON THIS OCCASION, CONTRARY TO THE GREAT SENSE OF DEPRESSION HE WAS STILL SUFFERING FROM THE LAST TIME I SAW HIM. HE SEEMED A LITTLE LESS PHYSICALLY ACTIVE THAN USUAL, BUT FULLY NORMAL IN SERENITY OF MIND AND EVEN SHOWED SOME FLASHES OF HUMOR. LEWIS

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 03 TEL AV 08210 291444Z

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS, PEACE PLANS, NEGOTIATIONS, MEETING REPORTS, CHEROKEE 06/29/78, CAT-C
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 29 jun 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978TELAV08210
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: P840157-2272
Format: TEL
From: TEL AVIV
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t1978066/aaaaaero.tel
Line Count: 94
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: a6593289-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION NODS
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: NODIS, EXDIS
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: NODIS, EXDIS
Reference: 78 STATE 162963, 78 CAIRO 15941
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 09 jun 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2352206
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: MEETING WITH BEGIN: COMMENTS ON PEACE PROCESS
TAGS: PGOV, PBOR, EG, US, IS, (LEWIS, SAMUEL W), (BEGIN, MENACHEM), (BEGIN, MENACHEM)
To: STATE SS MULTIPLE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/a6593289-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014